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1. SUMMARY: LEGAL INTERPRETATION REFTEL OF TERM "ENTERED TRAINING COURSES" IS HARD BLOW FOR GOC AND INDIVIDUAL CHILEAN OFFICERS INVOLVED. ACTION: (A) IN RECONSIDERATION OF THIS INTERPRETATION WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS UNDERWAY, REQUEST WASHINGTON AGENCIES SEEK TO GIVE MOST LIBERAL INTERPRETATION POSSIBLE TO TERM "ENTERED TRAINING COURSES." AT MINIMUM, WE WOULD HOPE THIS COULD INCLUDE STUDENTS FOR WHOM MAP ORDERS WERE ISSUED AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS PREPARED BY MILGRP PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SIGNING OF THE FAA OF 1974. (B) REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP ON WHEN WE MAY EXPECT DECISION ON REINTERPRETATION. END SUMMARY

2. GUIDANCE REFTEL ON MEANING OF TERM "ENTERED TRAINING COURSES" REQUIRED MISSION TO NOTIFY GOC ARMED SERVICES DECEMBER 31 THAT U.S. TRAINING IS DEFERRED FOR ALL GOC PERSONNEL NOT PARTICIPATING IN A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION OR AT OR ENROUTE TO THE TRAINING SITE ON DECEMBER 30.

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3. CHILEAN SERVICES RECEIVED THIS NEWS IN TIGHT-LIPPED

SILENCE ON EVE OF NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY. HOWEVER, AS OF JANUARY 2 NEGATIVE REACTION IS BUILDING.

4. THIS NEWS IS HARD BLOW TO GOC AND CHILEAN SERVICES. APART FROM POTENTIAL LOSS OF BADLY-NEEDED TRAINING AND IMPLICATIONS RE RELATIONS WITH USG, THIS INTERPRETATION LEAVES CHILEAN SERVICES WITH MORE THAN 300 PERSONNEL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO TRAINING SITES BY JANUARY 10, ABOUT WHOM SERVICES MUST NOW MAKE ASSIGNMENT DECISIONS.

5. NEWS IS ALSO SEVERE BLOW TO PERSONNEL WHO ON BASIS MAP ORDERS AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS CUT BY MILGRP HAD ALREADY DISPOSED OF HOMES, PROPERTY, ETC., IN ANTICIPATION OF EARLY TRAVEL FOR TRAINING. THIS, OF COURSE, IMPOSES GREAT PERSONAL HARDSHIP ON THESE INDIVIDUALS AND WORKS A REAL INJUSTICE ON THEM.

6. WE UNDERSTAND DEFERRAL OF THIS TRAINING IN LIEU OF ITS CANCELLATION REPRESENTS WASHINGTON AGENCY INTENTION ENGAGE IN FURTHER STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TERM "ENTERED TRAINING COURSES" MAY BE INTERPRETED MORE LIBERALLY THAN IN REFTTEL. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS EFFORT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT IN COURSE OF STUDY EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO GIVE AS BROAD AN INTERPRETATION TO "ENTERED TRAINING COURSES" AS MAY BE LEGALLY POSSIBLE. AT A MINIMUM WE WOULD HOPE THE TERM COULD BE INTERPRETED TO INCLUDE GOC PERSONNEL FOR WHOM MAP ORDERS WERE ISSUED AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS PREPARED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30 SIGNING DATE OF FAA OF 1974. (B) ALSO REQUEST EARLIEST GUIDANCE ON WHEN A DECISION MAY BE EXPECTED ON THIS MATTER. CHILEAN SERVICES NEED SUCH INFORMATION SOONEST TO PERMIT URGENT PERSONNEL ACTIONS ON PERSONNEL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR U.S. TRAINING.
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